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Semi-Socialism

AN ALTERNATIVE GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM

THE HYBRID MERGING OF CAPITALISM AND COMMUNISM INTO A MORE BENEFICIAL STRUCTURAL ORDER FOR MAN

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About Myself:

I am a craftsman, amateur writer, and part-time whatever-elser. I'm one who believes that all socioeconomic pains afflicting society can be greatly alleviated upon mankind's adoption of a governmental and economic system incorporating the positives of capitalism (creativity and prosperity) and communism or socialism (secured welfare of the masses, equitable resource distribution)—a system I have dubbed "semisocialism."

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I say this boldly and loudly because it is the ultimate in truth, and it is critically essential that mankind hears such messages now so that it may gradually shift to a more fair and balanced world system before this present one leads us all irretrievably down a dark and dirty road. The essence of its ultimate truth: **Human need before corporate greed.**

It matters not how technically advanced a nation is—how many flashy, sophisticated toys and gadgets are in mansions and homes at the moment. If the governmental and socioeconomic foundation of those homes and mansions is built on shaky ground, some day, somehow, it will all collapse, burying the toys, gadgets—and their masters—underneath to rust, rot, and be remembered as "an era bygone."

Capitalism is the shakiest foundation that can ever be, propped up with a patchwork of corrections and supports which continuously need updating and enhancing with ever-greater intensity. Lives become shaped by private financial behemoths rather than by benevolent collective democracy.

Market forces should not determine the course of human direction. Human welfare should. An "ideal society" is not based upon reckless materialistic acquisition or upon repressive subjugation, but, rather, upon an ever-increasing base of holistic insight subjugated under the natural covenant and grounded in humanitarian priority. Acquire all the knowledge we can, use it to live in this borrowed world like we should, treat one another like we should.

Those who understand this are the truly evolved of the world—no matter how many extravagant gadgets that may or may not lie in their toy boxes.

exact time that they wish to expend it. Money in one's hand allows one to be mobile and acquire anything at any place at any time. It allows exact exchange for exact value. And, most relevant to this topic, it allows merit to determine the quantity of goods and services--particularly those in excess of the essential ones--that everyone receives. Thus, if you desire only the basic life, then you put in your minimum effort and reap the minimum rewards. If you want the good life, then you put forth the good effort. Money is both the motivator and the documenter. Also understand, there are people who just don't want to work all their lives. They want to go for the gold early and get out of the rat race early, to spend half or more of their lives traveling the world, seeing the sites, and having fun. The capitalist aspect—the monetary accumulation aspect--of semisocialism allows everyone the opportunity for early cessation from labor upon adequate economic accumulation. And this type of idleness is not the devil's workshop—especially if they accumulated the wealth by inventing the better mousetrap which advances the world's capabilities or if they simply just contributed to greater production which spurs increase in society's monetary circulation.

Finally—and most practically regarding your point of view, my socialist friends—there is the issue concerning just how on earth you plan on getting a politically empowering amount of First-Worlders to switch from the extreme of a market-based society to that of a socialist-based one. (Of course, this isn't to say that you couldn't work with the less developed world regions in order to upbuild your base.) It is illogical, and very naive, to believe that the jump from "me, myself, and I" to "us, ourselves, and we" will be made in one fell swoop, with absolutely no transitional stage occurring in-between. Semisocialism is the perfect instrument to serve as the buffer for the complete conversion. In my opinion, if semisocialism were adopted, there would be few individuals desiring to convert from it to pure socialism. But, for those who would, it would serve the imperative function of eliminating the socialists' archenemy—the private sector—from control of the life-sustaining essentials while simultaneously pacifying these lucre-minded entrepreneurs with a free-market base from which they may prosper. Such a system would better put the whole of society into a socialist mood, getting everyone used to its essential ingredients and fostering an atmosphere more congenial to politically and systematically accommodating complete socialist conversion for those desiring it. Socialists could then push for policies allowing for their proportional control of the resources, wherein they could establish and develop a support base. If said support base accommodates all their members' needs, then they could retain all gains made from their labors. However, if they still depend upon the semisocialist system for any essentials, then they would contribute resources or finished products (since socialists reject the use of currency) to the semisocialist government in the adequate proportion. Socialists would be on their own as far as orchestrating their mediums and methods for rewarding labor. And multiple systems for criminal/civil law and the military could be established which would allow them legal autonomy regarding their internal affairs and which allow their voluntary contribution to national defense—with the philosophy being that, if there are people who don't think enough of their nation to defend it, then they accept the fact that they could lose it.

Thus, just as semisocialism allows socialism and capitalism to coexist, so, too, does it allow the coexistence of socialism and semisocialism itself.

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must acknowledge these truths and realities and incorporate them in a constructive manner rather than ignore them (ignorantly placing bandages on the effect rather than cures on the cause) and allowing them to surface and plague humanity in unexpected and deleterious manners. This is what semisocialism does and what I'm afraid socialism will not do in all cases.

Semisocialism's master ingredient—evolutionarily constructive revenue distribution—is the key factor which accommodates the constructive incorporation of these aforementioned traits, in actuality, transforming most of them into positive contributors to societal advancement. Greedy people want more money. In their pursuit of it, they tend to establish more commercial concerns and consume more resources, therefore expending more capital. In the semisocialist system, since government controls the raw resources and main services they need, the resulting increase in collected revenue allows for more constructive governmental action beneficial to the masses. Vanity (egotistic monetary expenditure) is constructively incorporated in this manner as well. Also, when a government is dedicated to ecological preservation—pollution control, alternative energy, recycling—more monetary resources are available for that. Plus, more entrepreneurs will join the ecological train when government-sponsored economic incentives are provided compelling them to do so. The probability of exploitation dissipates as government makes more capital available for small businesses and an expanding economy is generated from equitable economic distribution and from an ever-decreasing cost of living originating from technological innovations. Racism is basically the institutional impedance of one sector for the benefit of another sector. Both socialism and semisocialism keep this abomination in check through equitable resource distribution which doesn't allow one sector unfair socioeconomic advantage over another.

Semisocialism allows people to gainfully act on their greedy and materialistic tendencies. Greed isn't all bad; it also has the propensity to spur creativity and effort. This is the definition of merit. People have a right to prosper according to merit. And they should not be held back by being forced to endure equality with those less motivated and accomplished than themselves. Understand, class distinction isn't the problem; class subjugation is. Semisocialism's main safety factor against class subjugation—equal land distribution. This safety factor will prevent one economic class from inordinately acquiring the main earthly base which contains the essential resources everyone needs in order to survive. Higher classes will develop only from money left over after the needs of the people have been met—mainly because "luxury money" will not be released to the capitalist arena by government until it is so. Thus, you can indeed merge the two systems of socialism and capitalism by establishing two separate support bases—one based upon upkeeping the nation and citizenry (the primary economy) and the other based upon establishing and expanding the free market (secondary economy). The secondary economy helps feed the primary one, while the primary economy regulates the secondary one.

"From each according to ability, to each according to need." Again, merit is the problem here. Some people are highly motivated while others are just plain lazy. I know this, and, deep down, I believe my socialist world relatives know this as well. The "from each" people have to produce in order for the "to each" people to have something to meet their needs. In order for things to be fair, every capable individual must contribute an adequate amount. Otherwise, what's to stop the candlestick maker from giving one candle to society while taking a diamond from it? Thus, their number of work hours or tasks completed must be tracked and recorded in order to ensure that fairness persists. And if you have their work-hour quantity documented, you might as well have money. (If there is no tracking system, what on earth will compel everyone to work? Remember the Communist guaranteed-pay system, where factory workers were only mildly productive because they knew they were going to get paid regardless of the amount of diligence they applied toward their labors?)

There is absolutely nothing wrong with money. It is the unfair and/or inadequate distribution of it that is the villain. A system of currency allows people to work now and save their spending potential until the

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INTRODUCTION

As long as we are tunnel visioned, we will accept that which is before our eyes as being the inevitable outcome of man's existence. Imagination is stymied, and our mentality and reasoning become stagnant and limited. Thus, our minds will not possess the greatest of abilities to reach out and explore the many possibilities and to obtain hold of the diverse angles of deductive reasoning regarding the Herculean task of managing the affairs of man and regarding man's endeavor to concoct solutions to the problems which plague humanity in its struggle to survive and flourish.

Such is the case concerning humanity and government. Even though ideological transitions occur throughout portions of the Governed World concerning empowered administrations, too many of the Developed World's "John and Jane Does" have, through systematic coercion and peer pressure, had their minds confined in and guided through a bigoted tube directed toward egotistic acquisition of wealth and away from the humanitarian development of the potential of the citizenry's masses. It's implied that there are only two basic behemoths between which we may choose to administer to our needs: capitalism or communism. We must have one or the other, in its most reckless or oppressive form. There are no other choices, no shades of gray to consider. And the term "socialism" is used as the monster under the bed to frighten those who have prospered under the free-market system--a call to arms against the collective incorporation and altruistic inclusion of those who have prospered not.

This booklet is dedicated to opening eyes to the fact that it's OK to say no to the unchecked recklessness of the free-market system and yes to its prosperity, creativeness, and its multiplicity of choices.....to say no to the extreme repression of communism and yes to its equality, fair distribution, and sustentative (life-sustaining) support base. It is committed to those tired of the lies, of the narrow-mindedness, and of the stale ideologies of those in power and of those hopelessly complacent enough to remain satisfied with being led over the edge of a cliff. It is dedicated to those wishing to break away from the flock.

It does not delve into a multiplicity of statistics, nor does it render a detailed comparison to historical references. Instead, it merely gets to the heart of the matter, in the briefest and most effective manner possible. (Thus, saving you money should you decide to print it.)

I am not a student of the scholars. None of the pedantic pioneers will be mentioned here. This is a bare-bones work of common communication for the common man. I haven't been "formally educated" in how to philosophize, nor have I been educated in how to vindicate the wrongs done by the kings. If the formally educated were so superior to those of us who are not, then why have the walls of so many kingdoms crumbled under their watch? Consequently, I also haven't been educated to accept that which is before my eyes as all-perfect. I shall not genuflect before man's established temples of vanity and control.

Basically, this literary work was written in relation to the economic and political systems of America. But, to anyone in the world reading it now, take it to heart. For it is very much relevant to you as well. If you are not the food on the giant's plate, you may well be his fork and knife.

Originally, it was my disgust and frustration with the inadequacies and ferocity of capitalism—or more specifically, the market-based economy—which led me to undertake the writing of this booklet. **The market-based economy is the greatest secular threat to the peace and sanctity of man.** And I was absolutely sure that, at so many points, the scheme of national operations could be vastly improved so that a policy of fairness and balance could be better cultivated. My observations now lie in your hands.

May this work communicate in all the right ways.

continuously need personnel to implement and maintain them and thereby should prevent "technological abandonment" (downsizing) of the national workforce. The workers will be trained, retrained, or transferred to other employment in order to ensure that these conversions are as painless as possible. Also, government shall use technology, particularly automation, to increasingly reduce the work hours of its workers, yet allow them to maintain their same salaries. Thus, they can chase after more money elsewhere or they can have more time for human and recreational interaction. Plus, the more products technology creates, the more resources exploited, the more revenue created to further lower living costs.

9) Enforceable environmental laws-- Because government will have more control over the nation's sustenance, resources, environment, and the industrial incorporation of these, the greed factor--characteristic of the private sector--will not dominate concerning monetary expenditures on environmental protection and purification.

10) Rising Standard of Living-- Because the factors of economic fairness and stability, technological advancement, and population control will be in action, the sustentative base will be stabilized and will be increasingly complimented with luxurious gains.

11) Secured Retirement Benefits-- The aging crisis as a threat to retirement benefits is reduced because the cost of living will be continuously decreased. (Also, the retirement age will be increased proportionately as life spans increase.)

SEMISOCIALIST'S ANSWER TO SOCIALISTS

Greetings socialist cousins,

There are those of you who would denounce capitalism in all its forms, proclaiming that it should be abolished from the world forever—never to surface again to drag man to the immoral depths of exploitation and predation. I agree that capitalism, in its present world-system form, has been ruthlessly and malignantly applied. But there is a correct way that it can be implemented in order to make it probably the most stimulating and invigorating force for furthering human advancement and prosperity—while also making it virtually completely beneficial to the masses in the process, with absolutely no detrimental side effects whatsoever regarding societal socioeconomic stability.

Capitalism done right is capitalism subjugated under socialism. I define myself as a "semisocialist"—one advocating the socialist distribution of the essentials and the free-market distribution of the nonessentials or luxuries. Under the semisocialist system, an elected government controls the essential resources and services, markets some of them to the citizenry at a surcharged (taxed) rate, and then releases the revenue toward the needs and advancement of the people before releasing any currency to the free-market arena. Some of that said advancement will include technological innovations which will free citizens from the drudgeries of labor and which will continuously lower living costs due to cheaper production techniques and materials, allowing people to spend less time being drones and more time being with family and friends and enjoying the amenities this world has to offer—what life should really be like for Earth's children.

Yes, socialism is basically a noble socioeconomic system promoting the better side of man. But we all know that the better side of man hasn't won out in the course of human existence. Somehow, during man's social, economic, and political endeavors, greed, vanity, exploitation, environmental abuse, and racism have surfaced from his genes to produce a resulting world of poverty, pollution, war and hatred, and egoistic materialism in the face of socioeconomic disparity. Somehow, the result of all human effort has been the ability of these traits to produce the world we live in today.

These traits are destructive and negative, but they did indeed develop—for some reason which we may or may not be able to fathom. These are of the universal truths and cosmic realities which shape man's destiny. Thus, any governmental system adopted for the purpose of improving humanity's plight

The commercial sector may not compete with the government on any large scale. It may provide transportation to the general public, but only through the use of vehicles oriented towards the more specific locations where the government's broader roster doesn't reach. The sector will completely control all taxis and limousines, rent-a-car services, cruise ships, and all joyrides.

Utilities

All utilities sold to the populace and the facilities which produce them are to be controlled and operated by the government. The populace shall purchase them according to their rate of usage.

Water Access (Recreational)

Docks available for rent from the government. The bigger the boat, the bigger the rent. Regarding lakes, rivers, ponds, and streams, no motorized aqua vehicles will be allowed which significantly disturb wildlife or the environment. The Coast Guard shall regulate and police all oceanic activity, with the Department of the Interior managing the inner waters.

SEMISOCIALISM'S ADVANTAGES OVER CAPITALISM

1) Land Equalization Factor-- Equal land distribution is constant fair-wealth distribution. The geometric expansion of the wealthy will force them to seek out and continuously compensate representatives for the use of their land. Prosperity by some thusly brings prosperity to others.
2) Valued Currency-- The nation's currency has automatic value because it's backed by the resources and services the government controls and renders.
3) Limitation of Aristocratic Power-- The aristocracy will forever be denied the ability to accomplish a private takeover of the nation's infrastructure. The nation always belongs to the masses.
4) Security of Revenue-- No one can cheat the government or evade contributing to its pool of revenue because of the universal need for such services and goods. Also, revenue growth and private growth go hand in hand; the larger a commercial concern grows, the more resources and services it will consume.
5) Productivity of Revenue-- Because the government will control the resources and utilities and will be providing its own goods and performing its own services, there will be no private concerns inflating the prices for profit and thereby siphoning off the nation's revenue base. This will greatly reduce the cost of necessities for the public, allowing more money for nonessential (capitalistic) spending.
6) Profitability of Secured Survival-- The nation's revenue is released to the support structure first, then to the free-market arena. This secured survival spurs high consumer confidence. (If I know that the economic system is designed to give my survival priority over all other human concerns, yes, I'll use my extra pocket money to buy that vase or painting you're selling.) Also, because they will be freed from paying life-sustaining benefits, employers will be more enthusiastic about hiring full-time help.
7) Hospitality of Revenue Collection-- The pay-as-you-go method of revenue collection relieves all headaches associated with keeping records, making the act of conducting business a breeze. (Just set up and sell one's product or service. If one wishes to forego the governmental incentives associated with helping the Reserve determine economic growth, there is no mandatory bookkeeping other than the amount needed to conduct one's business.) Also, the nation shall reap enormous savings due to the elimination of the need for auditors, accountants and lawyers.
8) The Hospitality of Innovation-- Technology shall be economically progressive rather than destructive toward opportunity, never eliminating the common man's economic livelihood in favor of automation. Once a benevolent and/or ecologically superior technology is discovered or created, everyone will be compelled to adopt it--if necessary, through governmental subsidies. These constant changes will

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Government: Not only should it establish laws and delegate authority to those who shall regulate such laws, it should also establish itself as the citizenry's soundest insurance that a structure of survival shall be maintained for all. Survival can be ensured only when all of the resources, facilities and services necessary for adequate life sustentation are provided by a human management system of blind equality, empowered to fairly distribute the essential benefits of all assets to the total populace, and diligently maintained in order to certify the perpetuation of said assets for all future generations to come. Perpetuation can be guaranteed only when a governing body selected by the masses is allowed to control or ensure the availability of all imperative goods and services needed by society. No essential ingredient necessary for massive human existence or advancement should fall under the graces of any private concern. As the land gave birth to all of humanity, so must that which it yields be obtainable by all who dwell upon its surface. To exclude any human sole from the ingredients it renders is to violate the right of the mind and body to strive and prosper from constructive manipulation of matter created by no terrestrial man.

The resources of this world are limited. As man strives to survive, so does he endeavor to create and produce. Life without construct is existence without merit, ancestry without legacy, and posterity without heritage. Competition is the agent employed by man which renders rewards in greater quantity to those employing it best. And though it builds ability, strength, and confidence, said entity should never allow the elite of a prior generation to bequeath unto said elite's descendants a legacy of inordinate wealth gathered in the absence of future soles yet to be born. As there have been more virgin resources and less human soles in the past, so will there be less virgin resources and more human soles in the future. No era of humanity should allow the private generation of any materialistic advantage which allows the successive descendants of a privileged elite to be geometrically enriched to the point where the successive descendants of an unprivileged mass are geometrically deprived.

No greater secular legacy can a prior generation of man render unto its descendants than a benevolent and stable system of human management—one meticulously designed to preserve the purity of the environment, to ensure the security of the masses, and to lead the people unto the highroad to prosperity and progress. Such a bequeathal delivers unto humanity's successive generations a solid foundation from which to rise to whatever heights they may.

The system of management must recognize that the acknowledgement of universal truths and the holistic incorporation of these into human policy is the only course toward anthropological growth and evolution. To deny these truths is to place humanity onto a course toward deception, falsehood, and the hardships inherent therein. To fail to seek them is to remain the fool. Man is forever the creature possessing the knowledge to be the greatest fool on Earth; therefore, his spirit must never be closed to change and resolution....no matter how painful....no matter how humbling.

The system must also recognize the fact that, as individuals, we do not always make the right moves. Personal freedom accords one the opportunity to prosper, but it also allows one to fall prey to the depths of inadequacy regarding self-preservation as one navigates life's maze of options. An administrative structure which counteracts our shortcomings is the key; the fallibility of man makes it absolutely necessary. Mistakes are inevitable, but failure must become a myth, rendered inconsequential by human management engineered to compensate for individual improvidence and dedicated to ensuring that the progressive in society never repress the passive in society.

For these reasons—and upon witnessing what should by all rights be a world of peace, cooperation, and prosperity—I conclude that true progress awaits humanity only with the introduction of a clearly defined administrative system capable of accommodating all the aforementioned requirements. For these reasons...I am a semisocialist.

SEMISOCIALISM, WHAT IS IT?

Let us define "semisocialism" as: a system in which an elected governing body supervises the socialist distribution of essential resources and services to the citizenry, raises revenue by selling certain categories of said resources and services to the citizenry, allows the citizenry to prosper capitalistically and without further imposition of taxation in all nonessentials and in all areas of endeavor not in competition with revenue-raising, and allots a limited but equal amount of land to each adult citizen which they may control tax-free for life. Essential services such as education and health care are socialized, housing is subsidized for anyone desiring such governmental aid, and entrepreneurs purchase raw materials at a surcharged (taxed) rate from the government and may thereby turn them into marketable products and keep all profits while paying no further taxes. Private citizens purchase--also at a surcharged rate--resources, agricultural products, and certain services from the government for their own use. Also, all utilities are under government control and are billed at a surcharged rate. In short, it can be said that semisocialism is the socialist distribution of humanity's essentials and the free-market distribution of its luxuries or nonessentials. Within its matrix, the governmental employment and opportunity sector expands in proportion to the private sector's inability to meet the people's needs and desires in employment and opportunity. Thus, should the private sector properly expand in its ability to provide adequate employment and opportunity in the areas in which it is allowed to participate, then the governmental sector shall back off in its penetration of the free-market arena in all said areas.

Note: For an even deeper understanding of semisocialism, read *SEMISOCIALIST IDEOLOGY AND MORALITY* by ordering the floppy disk containing the complete semisocialist works. (See "COPYING/DISTRIBUTING/ MARKETING RIGHTS GRANTED TO ALL.")

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needed for stocking and selling, and maybe going a step further by providing its own shipping) would buy the tomatoes in bulk for, let's say, $1.08 per pound (85¢ plus 27% surcharge).

As the private sector increasingly provides its allowable essential goods and services to the public, less and less revenue will be needed, and the surcharge rate will decrease for all citizens--therefore increasingly allowing them more of a choice between the private sector and government.

Sports

The government will support and provide all activities and facilities surrounding sporting endeavors at governmental schools and institutions. Private and commercial concerns shall either use sporting facilities on land awarded to them by vote or shall rent governmental facilities.

Governmental college athletes will be eligible for pay via the National Collegiate Athletic Fund (two separate funds for the two genders), which shall encompass various funds in the various sports into which the general populace may contribute and which will then distribute the pay evenly to all such athletes at the end of their sport's season. The different divisions of colleges will have separate funds. If possible, the government will operate its athletic program on a break-even basis with ticket sales alone; monies generated from sales of broadcast rights to the commercial media and from sales of team logo paraphernalia will be contributed directly into that particular sport's athletic fund unless it is needed by the government to cover operating costs. Athletes will be allowed to endorse goods.

No governmental grade school or collegiate coach's salary shall exceed that of the average salary of a teacher or professor of equal seniority. Separate athletic funds could be established into which supporters could nationally contribute "bonus pay" to all coaches if they think it is deserved.

Sustenance

The government (Department of Sustenance) will control and operate all major farmland and all massive endeavors dealing with the production, raising, and capturing of crops and livestock which serve to feed the nation and which shall be traded internationally. All crops will be all-natural--no genetically altered types, no unnecessary chemicals. (Hydroponics will be used as much as possible, along with purified water.) The government (Division of Sustenance Distribution) will operate all emporiums which sell all edible sustenance in its pure or raw state. The Sustenance Allotment Agency will perform the same function with sustenance as the RAA does with resources. Individual citizens wishing to farm one or both of their GPLs may do so but only for their own consumption; they may sell food that is only in a cooked or processed state. (You can't sell the apple, but you can sell the applesauce.)

The commercial sector may purchase the raw edibles from the government and convert them into original products to sell to the public; commercial markets, restaurants, bakeries, ice cream stores, and other such establishments shall buy their needed raw ingredients from the government. The commercial sector shall control the market in such items as soaps, furniture polish, deodorants, mouthwash, etc., and will also control it in all finished edible products such as bread, cakes, pizza, cereal, and snack food. Aesthetic crops such as flowers, shrubbery, and ferns shall be completely commercially controlled; also the raising and selling of pets shall be a capitalistic endeavor. Private concerns may turn to the government (Division of Commercial Sustenance Production) for production of their finished food products if they are judged as worthy by the Office of Product Selection.

Transportation

All major forms of the nation's domestic and international transportation patronized by the general public shall be governmentally controlled and operated (Department of Transportation). The Division of Transportation Collection shall sell all tickets and collect all such monies.

ensure the general public of adequate access to exploitable resources.

Retirement and Elderly Age

There shall be no mandatory retirement age, but a standard age--which will rise as life expectancy rises--shall be set for official purposes. Forced retirement will be based upon proven incompetency. Voluntary retirement will be based upon reaching the standard age and the individual's decision of whether or not enough funds have been accumulated for a comfortable lifestyle. The Department of Seniority shall retain enough projected funds (Senior's Retirement Fund) to mail all retirees a basic subsistence check; the citizens may also choose to store money for retirement in savings accounts throughout their working lives.

Revenue

All revenue acquired by the government will be derived from its marketing of goods and services (sustenance, utilities, resources and fuels, transportation, rent, postal services, production and marketing services, bank loans, bonds) and from fines and penalties. A surcharge will be added to the production and/or operating costs of these commodities (bonds excluded) of an amount capable of maintaining governmental operations. The National reserve will set the surcharge rate, which shall be based upon the amount of revenue needed to operate the government's essential and significantly beneficial services (with the level of importance dictating the amount of funding allotted by the Reserve), the amount of saleable goods and services the government produces which are projected to be completely consumed by the populace in an indexed amount of time, and the excess charge on those said goods and services which will generate that said amount of revenue in that same indexed time. All governmental offices will automatically receive all funding to purchase all allotments granted to them by the allotment agencies. The surcharge rate shall be elastic. Because revenue collection will be a constant process, it shall allow the flexibility that, in the event of an under- or an oversupply of revenue, the surcharge can be raised or lowered at any time; surcharges can also be altered on any particular commodities. All civil governmental offices shall purchase from the Reserve merely at production and/or operating costs--no surcharge added since it is a need of the people. When remunerative acts are performed by government for private concerns (example: CCIO), the full surcharge rate will be imposed, with the costs being passed on to the private concerns or to consumers. (Note: Areas such as the banking system and the Division of Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights are of both civil and commercial importance and shall also be exempt from surcharges.)

Businesses will be allowed to purchase their applicable sustenance and resources at designated locations in bulk at lower prices in exchange for aiding the Reserve in accurately determining the most sufficient quantity of currency to release into circulation. The allotment agencies shall issue business ratings according to business size in order to ensure that allotments granted to each business are proportional to the facilities owned with which to exploit them (to ensure that the discounted commodities are put towards actual business endeavors and aren't simply cordially dispersed). Service businesses shall be rewarded through free and expensive advertising, loan accessibility, and by other means. The businesses shall regularly complete informational forms regarding the main monetary aspects of their status and activities. The Reserve shall use these forms to determine the rate of growth of the economy so that the amount of currency released will keep a healthy pace.

Example of bulk purchasing: Let's say that the surcharge needed for national operations is projected to be 27%. To the general public, a pound of tomatoes that may initially cost $1 (to produce, ship to the Reserve, and in man-hours per pound to sell) would sell from the Division of Sustenance Distribution for $1.27. A particular business helping the Reserve set cash-release rates (eliminating the usual man-hours

PROPOSED GOVERNMENTAL SETUP

The various ingredients necessary for civilized human existence must be regulated according to content, supply, and the needs of the societal population. The following is my proposal describing a basic setup which will allow any particular nation blessed with the adequate resources to manage these ingredients governmentally and economically according to semisocialism. Understand, this is by no means to insinuate that my way is the only way. The semisocialist system will always be open to formats leading to evolutionary progression, and any superior ideas submitted will be incorporated.

Government (Listing)

Constitution

National Directive Conglomerate (NDC)

Legislative Branch
House of Provincial Senators
NDC Printing Office
TBA (Treasury, Budget, and Accounting Office)

Executive Branch
President
Presidential Staff
Presidential Offices

(Executive Departments)
Department of Defense
  Weapons Design and Manufacturing Agency
Department of Education
Department of Health and Safety
Department of Land Management
Department of Law Enforcement
Department of Livelihood
Department of Population Control
  National Census Agency
  Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization
Department of Resource Management
Department of Seniority
Department of State
Department of Sustenance
Department of Transportation
Department of Utilities
Treasury Department
  Executive Accounting Office

National Reserve
Director
Director's Staff

(National Monetary Offices)
Office of Monetary Management
Banking Management and Investment Office
NDC Budgeting Office
OCC Budgeting Office
Monetary and Postal Printing Office
National vault
TBA

(National Reserve's Bureau of Distribution)
National Banking System
Division of Sustenance Distribution
Division of Distribution
Division of Utilities Collection
Division of Rent Collection
Division of Transportation Collection
Division of Penalties Collection
National Postal Service

Official Citizens' Conglomerate (OCC)

Council of the People

(Congregational Branch)
House of Provincial Councillors:
Provincial Councillors
Council's Printing Office
TBA

(Interactive Branch)
Prime Councillor
Prime Councillor's Staff

Prime Councillor's Offices of Policy:
Office of Human Relations
Office of Human Advancement
Board of Holistic Incorporators
Office of Economic Advancement
Office of Legal Incorporation
Office of Domestic Defense
TBA

Prime Councillor's Interactive Divisions:
Division of Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights
Research and Development Agency
Division of Behavioral Sciences
Division of Education Advancement
Agency for Space Exploration
Library of Human Advancement
Master Documented Program
Division of Program Coordination

practiced, and wherein the length of detention shall be set according to severity of crime.

Population Control

As said, the Constitution will establish the ultimate population limit, never to be increased. It shall be based upon the maximum amount of exploitable land which can be used by man without danger of detrimental ecological side effects. In order to maintain accurate population counts, citizen registration cards will be issued (by the National Census Agency) which all must possess if they are to secure and maintain government employment or are to receive free governmental services. During all times, new products and birth control devices shall be rigorously sought so that the possibility of unwanted pregnancy will be diminished. Such devices sold by the government shall be distributed as cheaply as possible to the populace. Also, reversible operations and surgical implants will be developed to allow citizens to turn their reproductive capabilities on an off.

The Department of Population Control will refer to data from the National Census Agency in order to determine the extent to which population control will be enforced. Enforcement shall be based on a series of stages:

1st Stage (slowly approaching limit)-- Economic incentives and penalties concerning procreative self-control shall begin to be enforced; a limit on children shall be set, whereby those monetary incentives and penalties shall take effect. Those parents who obey the limit will continue to garner all privileges that the semisocialist system has to offer. For every child born in excess of the limit, the parents will be commanded to pay a significant portion of their income for these services--if necessary, by the garnishing of their wages or by other official mandates which dictate that they pay. However, they may take the option of patronizing the private sector for the services if they wish to avoid governmental intervention. Also in 1st stage, the number of immigrants is curtailed.

2nd Stage (rapidly approaching limit)-- Forced sterilization will begin for over-productive parents. No further immigrants allowed unless they are political refugees of extreme need.

3rd Stage (limit reached)-- All children born above the limit shall be sterilized. No refugees of any type accepted. (Consider this extreme? Order the floppy and read about semisocialist ideology and morality.)

Prostitution (Consensual Adult)

Legal if practiced discretely and out of normal public view. May not be practiced in any domain which is also occupied by minors. (Hopefully, a fair and just socioeconomic system would greatly diminish anyone's desire to participate in the world's oldest profession.)

Resources

All raw resources are to be extracted, stored, processed, sold, internationally exchanged, and recycled by the government: Department of Resource Management (extraction, international exchange); Division of Resource Distribution (storage, selling); Division of Civil and Governmental Production (processing, recycling); Division of Commercial Production (processing). The government shall function as the major processor and recycler of resources because of the substantial facilities required and because of elaborate pollution control; all unsold products shall eventually be recycled. The Division of Resource Distribution will sell the resources to other governmental offices, the civilian sector, and to commercial businesses which may turn them into finished goods. The Resource Allotment Agency shall serve as the regulator in order to maintain a balance of distribution between the sectors. The RAA shall staff economists, business and political experts, and scientists who shall examine all incoming reports in order to execute the most beneficial allotment of the nation's resources. Its goals shall be to avoid a dominant military industrial complex, eliminate all threats of oligarchic or monopolistic resource buyouts, and to

(which shall be legally exploitable by man), all land for governmental usage is then bound off and accounted for. Land is then accounted for which shall be controlled by the individual citizens who are intended to be completely upheld by the semisocialist system according to the population limit; land is then set aside for population expansion if the limit has not been reached. Of the civilian land, sections may be divided as to residential and commercial zones for traffic purposes. Lastly, land is set aside for emergencies and extras such as religious structures, disaster shelters, community places, concert halls, sporting stadiums, museums, etc. The people of the various locales shall be allowed to vote on the usage of some of this extra land. In order to maintain a secure and definite amount of land, none of it is to be sold to foreigners on a private basis.

All exploitable civilian land is to be accounted for by bonds which are distributed by the government (Department of Land Management). Each citizen shall be represented by two lateral sections of land (granted property lots--GPLs) and will be given a limit of two land bonds upon their request after reaching adulthood and after completing the nation's minimum education requirements (a high school diploma plus a college or trade school degree, unless granted special dispensation by the government), wherein they become "land representatives." They may utilize their properties in any legal manner desirable, with the intent being to allow them a lateral property of residence and a lateral one of business. No individual may buy or sell additional lots, but the trading of lots with the government or with other land representatives shall be allowed and citizens may be paid to trade.

Minimum-Wage Enforcement

The legislature and the president will set and monitor the minimum wage based upon constitutional guidelines and the related economic atmosphere. (Probably a good rule of thumb would be to set the minimum wage so that one individual could comfortably support a spouse and two children.) The government will automatically adhere to the rate concerning its lowest-paid employees. Entrepreneurs desiring the government's incentives will be required to sign an agreement making them liable to fines and/or exclusion from incentives upon violation of the wage rate. Money from fines will be distributed among the employees of the guilty businesses. Bosses and employees may keep pay receipts for the protection of their interests. (Note: The minimum wage shall include enough to cover the surcharge on essentials so that low-income earners effectively pay no taxes when meeting their basic needs.)

Penal Matters

All facilities of incarceration shall be controlled and operated by the government (Department of Law Enforcement), and the prisoners will be humanely housed and treated. Rehabilitative procedures will be practiced according to offense committed. All prisoners shall work either in the maintenance of the facility or on items brought into it, with the earnings going to the victims, to the prisoners and their families, and to the maintenance of the facility. The work may be done for a commercial concern or for the government. Commercial concerns will be given incentives--such as free advertising--to hire ex-offenders.

All inmates will have access to a library and to educational facilities throughout their incarceration and shall be allowed to obtain collegiate or technical degrees. Any inmate considered capable of being rehabilitated who invents or discovers anything which will benefit mankind will have their sentence suspended or will have it reduced by an amount proportional to the significance of their contribution. All who are considered incapable of being rehabilitated will remain confined but will be awarded in other manners such as a transfer to a more amiable facility designed especially for such achievers. Upon release, all shall be provided with jobs in various locations throughout the nation.

All juvenile detention facilities will be controlled and operated by the government (Division of Child Supervision), wherein the juveniles' education will be continued, rehabilitative therapies and exercises

Division of Child Supervision
Collective Earth Organization

Prime Councillor's Military Agencies:
National Guard
Domestic Weapons Agency
Agency for Disaster Relief

Conglomerate of Commercial and Industrial Operations (CCIO)
Director
Director's Staff
Executive Board of Advisors

(Divisions of Industry and Commerce)
Office of Product Selection
Division of Research and Development
Office of Facilities Allotment
Office of Resource Management
Division of Commercial Production
Division of Commercial Sustenance Production
Office of Quality Control
Product Marketing Agency
Citizens' Advertising Agency
Division of Civil and Governmental Production
Office of Civil and Governmental Design
Office of Industrial Design
Office of Foreign Design
International Trade Agency
TBA

Official Citizens' Independent Agencies
Office of Economic Balance (plus Foreign Goods Regulatory Office)
National Agency of Investigation
Commission of Election and Recall
Resource Allotment Agency
Sustenance Allotment Agency
Product Inspection Agency
Arts, Media, and Entertainment Regulatory Commission
Citizens' Media Network

National Judiciary System
Supreme Court of Governmental Affairs
Supreme Court of Civil and Criminal Affairs
Judicial Commissioners
Commissioners of Trial Jurors
Commissioners of Panel Members
All other needed, lower courts.

CONSTITUTION

The Constitution shall serve as the official writ which defines the nation's ideological doctrines, with the doctrines being based upon the right of all to live and prosper to the extent which a balanced ecological system and individual human rights will allow. It shall stress the right of all to the essentials necessary for the sustentation of life, the right of all who have a constructive message to be heard, and the right of all to be protected from exploitation and from infringement upon their human rights.

It shall list the guidelines and define the boundaries to which the nation must adhere regarding military action and regarding an included article stating that the military industrial complex will never overtake the nonmilitary one to the point of domestic decline unless hostile forces are an overwhelming threat to national security.

It shall lay the guidelines for establishing the minimum wage (or, if you prefer, the "living wage") and shall also stipulate that governmental spending shall never create a suffocating economic environment for citizens who seek private prosperity in a fair and noble manner.

Finally, the nation's official writ shall set a population limit, with the intent being that it shall never be increased. (Since the standard of living can be improved only when resources become more accessible, a burgeoning population can only serve to increasingly deplete that accessibility, thusly diluting the citizens' ability to experience life at its fullest. A deteriorating lifestyle is a most ardent enemy of any nation's security.)

NATIONAL DIRECTIVE CONGLOMERATE

(Note: In this proposal, the nomenclature is geared toward provinces.)

The National Directive Conglomerate (NDC) will serve as the director, regulator, manager, operator, and protector of the basic infrastructure. Its functions will include upholding the Constitution, establishing, enforcing, and amending the laws and regulations necessary to efficaciously manage the citizenry, protecting the environment, distributing the natural and economic resources both essentially and progressively, collecting the revenue, handling foreign affairs, and militarily protecting the nation from foreign hostility. Basically, it will handle the heavy daily routines of managing the nation's essential affairs.

Legislative Branch

House of Provincial Senators-- elected by their individual provinces. House shall function as one-party system, with individual ideology serving as the sole method of distinction between members. Senators shall serve as the people's official voice in government and shall establish, debate, and amend laws, regulations and policies and shall also contribute to the determination of national direction. They must be consulted by the president regarding all significant decisions, will have mandatory access to reports from the president's subordinate executives, and will require a 60% vote to overrule the president or to pass actions. The Chief Senator (elected by the House) shall lead all activity, keep order at sessions, head up the mandatory House reports, and shall appoint the heads to the NDC Printing Office and the TBA Office. By law, only the president, provincial councillors, and the prime councillor (representatives of the general citizenry and not of special interests) shall have direct lobbying access to the legislature.

NDC Printing Office-- will produce all NDC printings.

Treasury, Budget and Accounting Office (TBA Office)-- shall store and keep track of funds allotted for and expended on senatorial salaries, on the upkeep of legislative operations, and on official activities. Budgeting shall file the annual report for the legislature's projected operating costs (to be determined by all House members) for the upcoming year in order to obtain those funds from the National Reserve. Accounting shall file the annual report on legislative spending to the Reserve.

shall be resold to the Conglomerate at a scrap-metal rate, where they will be converted into other products.) All returned units shall then be sold through commissioned dealers, wherein the price shall be lowered as needed in order to attract sales. Royalties shall be paid in an amount proportional to prices, and the dealers shall keep records of all sales. Once the price reaches scrap-metal value, the units are returned to the Conglomerate and recycled. All Conglomerate economic losses will be subsidized by the government, but prices shall be engineered to provide the excess projected to be needed to cover the production cost of unsold items.

The above illustrates the significant amount of governmental aid which will be available to the creators of products of significant social benefit. Creators with ideas of lower impact will seek the commercial sector for aid in executing all steps other than patenting. Whatever the case, the most ecologically and socially beneficial products will be given priority over all others. The governmental and commercial sectors shall be governmentally compelled to utilize and/or convert to the utilization of all new inventions, products, or processes which are ecologically and sanitarily superior and which provide a greater preservation of money and natural resources. The government will also exercise the right to utilize such discoveries and innovations at its discretion with or without the creators' consent but must adequately compensate all private creators. It will also exercise said right regarding all inventions of significant technological advancement--with the intent being that no entity will ever be allowed to gain any technological advantage which could potentially overthrow governmental control or subjugate the citizenry under a private technocracy. All products must pass the safety standards of the Product Inspection Agency. All international trading shall be conducted through the International Trade Agency concerning commercial trade.

Jurisprudence

Criminal court proceedings shall center around finding truth rather than the pitting of one side against the other for the objective of winning cases more so than dispensing justice. At no time shall any defendant be subject to any proceeding which puts him or her at the mercy of possible corruption resulting from prosecutors pressured to land convictions. Criminal court legal structure shall consist of an investigative team, a judge, an inquiry panel, and jurists (on an optional basis).

The investigative team shall work outside the courtroom gathering all info and evidence--whether incriminating or exonerating--regarding the crime and present it to the judge and inquiry panel. The function of the judge is self-explanatory. The inquiry panel shall be used in lieu of the defense and prosecuting attorney. The panel will consist of a variable quantity of individuals possessing the necessary skills relevant to understanding the particular case at hand. Panel members shall ask questions to the defendant and witnesses with the intent being to compare answers on the facts presented to them in order to determine the most likely course of events which actually occurred. The panel will be the entity rendering the verdict unless either or both the plaintiff and/or the defendant request the option of having a jury present during the trial. (Optional: After the panel has completed its inquisition, the jury will be granted the chance to present the panel with a written account of any additional questions it feels haven't been asked, whereupon the trial shall be continued until those issues have been cleared. The jury then renders the verdict.) Defense and prosecuting attorneys may be present in the courtroom, but only to serve as advisors to the defendant and plaintiff.

Criminal indictments shall be handled in the same manner as criminal court.

Civil court shall consist of the standard setup of judge, attorneys for both sides, and jurists.

Land

The vast majority of the nation's land must be set aside, never to be disturbed, as wilderness, havens for wildlife, and as nature's stock for maintaining ecological balance and purity. Of the remaining land

highly priced, then the Office will induce lower prices by either stepping in and selling the necessary types of insurance directly to the public or by widening the field of competition by funding the establishment of additional commercial firms.)

International Trade and Aid

Whenever possible, the nation shall engineer the use of its resources in a manner which will allows it to operate with self-sufficiency in the bulk of its endeavors. No other nation should be allowed to infiltrate the domestic economy to the point that no form of "protectionism" could be enacted against those who practice unfair trade. The Foreign Goods Regulatory Office will serve as the protecting concern. Citizens wishing to trade internationally and foreigners desiring to trade with the nation may do so only through the International Trade Agency. Businesspeople wishing to establish enterprises in foreign nations must use foreign facilities and will not be allowed to export resources, sustenance, or facilities unless given special permission by the government. As said, the Department of Resource Management shall internationally trade the nation's more plentiful resources for the less abundant ones. The Department of Sustenance will also internationally swap goods. The nation's official precious metals and gems (National Vault) shall serve as added backing of the currency and as securities which can be released to the international market should the nation suffer disasters, emergencies, or economic difficulties.

The legislative and executive branches will be given allowances by the allotment agencies and the Reserve for use in international aid. If extra allowances are allowed, the Supreme Court of Governmental Affairs will again resolve any resulting conflict.

Inventions and New Products

Inventions, Step By Step: On paper, a citizen invents an improved carburetor and pays a minimal fee to submit it to the Patent Office. The patent is granted. For another small fee, the inventor submits the idea to the Office of Product Selection (of the Conglomerate of Commercial and Industrial Operations--CCIO). Upon final clearance, the invention is accepted and the contract is signed. The carburetor is then developed, refined, and its individual parts are drafted for production (Division of Research and Development). An actual unit is built and the Product Inspection Agency is notified, which certifies the carburetor as compatible with safety and emission standards; the item is now ready for mass production.

The Office of Facilities Allotment (OFA) finds no adequate commercial manufacturing concerns available; therefore, it assigns governmental staff and facilities to forge the individual parts. The resources are obtained from the Office of Resource Management and the components are manufactured by the Division of Commercial Production. The OFA finds private concerns who will receive the components and assemble the finished units. The Office of Quality Control shall randomly inspect both the individual parts before they leave the Conglomerate and the completed units before they leave the commercial assemblers. The units are cleared, and the private assemblers are paid per unit produced.

The units are shipped to the Product Marketing Agency (PMA), which finds dealers to handle the marketing. The units are sold wholesale to the dealers on a limited refundable basis, wherein they will be sold to consumers, also on a limited refundable basis. Once the wholesale refund deadline has transpired on a designated amount of sales, the applicable royalties will be released to the inventor, and the Conglomerate's production cost for that quantity of units will be marked "paid." The PMA will utilize the Citizens' Advertising Agency and the Citizens' Media Network in order to advertise the carburetor's availability to the general public. The inventor may also offer deals in the marketplace but must ensure that prices are set to cover Conglomerate production costs.

Years pass; obsolescence serves to deplete the carburetor's marketability, and production is halted. The dealers lower their prices or return all refundable units to the PMA. (All unsold nonrefundable units

Executive Branch

President-- shall appoint and supervise all heads of the executive branch, will upkeep the national infrastructure and operate it as efficiently as possible, shall initiate foreign affairs, shall initiate military action regarding foreign affairs.

Presidential Staff-- shall assist the president in dealing with government officials and with the public.

Presidential Offices-- shall consist of offices headed by experts in various fields who shall help the president shape policies in the diverse areas of presidential responsibility.

(Executive Departments)

Department of the Interior-- will enforce the protection of the environment and manage its upkeep.

Department of Land Management-- will distribute equal land control to the citizenry, will oversee and aid in land dealings, will maintain excess land for public or governmental usage, and will put land up for vote regarding public usage.

Department of Resource Management-- will extract raw resources from nature at an ecologically balanced rate and deposit them at the National Reserve. Will also handle the burdens of internationally trading the nation's abundant resources for the ones in which it is deficient.

Department of Sustenance-- will raise and/or store all of the nation's crops and livestock which shall be used by the government, sold to the civilian sector, or traded on the international market. Will deposit sustenance at the National Reserve.

Department of Livelihood-- will ensure every citizen of a living place, will initiate and supervise the construction of affordable housing, will ensure all citizens of sustentative necessities, of employment, shall enforce job truancy on all who depend upon the government for livelihood supervision, and shall ensure livelihood security for the disabled.

Department of Health and Safety-- shall ensure every citizen of adequate health care, will supervise the construction of medical facilities, and will enforce national safety standards.

Depart of Population Control-- will take all necessary steps to prevent the population from exceeding the constitutional limit. Shall enforce laws concerning overpopulation.

National Census Agency-- shall keep a count of all citizens. Shall record and store all significant national citizenry statistics affecting livelihood. Shall function as the indicator of the high or low prosperity level of the various individual citizens, with the information being used to spur their economic elevation. Shall functions as the indicator of when steps should be enacted to restrict population growth. The agency will also listen to the various opinions of the people and record them in the form of polls, suggestions, and complaints.

Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization-- self-explanatory.

Department of State-- shall handle its normal duties of dealing with global affairs, representatives, and foreign visitors. Shall issue all passports and visas.

Department of Education-- will provide free public education at all levels while using the most advanced teaching methods. Will supervise the construction of learning institutions. Shall keep track of the amount of professionals in all categories which the nation will need in the diversified future workforce and will provide free collegiate and technical education geared toward filling that future workforce.

Department of Seniority-- will operate, maintain, manage, and distribute all facilities and necessities geared toward maintaining the livelihood of all elderly in need of aid. Shall distribute subsistence payments--Seniors' Retirement Fund--to retired or elderly seniors.

Department of Transportation-- shall control and operate the nation's essential domestic and international public transportation system, including all railroads and the main airline. Shall also administer all licensing and registration and shall build and maintain all public transportation routes.

Department of Utilities-- will build, maintain, manage, and operate all national utilities.

Department of Law Enforcement-- will control and operate the nation's police force, will operate the nation's prisons and supervise their construction, and will operate programs of deterrence.

Department of Defense-- will execute all military operations geared toward nullifying foreign hostility which threatens national security.

Weapons Design and Manufacturing Agency-- shall design and manufacture all weaponry used in foreign military affairs.

Treasury Department-- will store all funds necessary to operate the executive branch.

Executive Accounting Office-- shall keep track of Executive spending and file reports to the president and National Reserve.

National Reserve

The Reserve shall independently print, store, release, allot, and gather all money necessary to maintain the entire operations of the nation. Through allotment, it shall ensure that governmental spending is not constrictive toward commercial growth. Also, it shall engineer a stable economic atmosphere through fair monetary distribution.

Director-- shall appoint and command all heads of all subordinate offices. Shall determine when the nation's economic atmosphere warrants the printing of additional currency. Shall set the surcharge rate for acquisition of revenue by examining the annual projected budget and accounting reports from all head governmental offices and by examining all other pertinent information. Shall practice monetary stabilization measures when necessary by releasing or withholding currency or by raising or lowering surcharge or interest rates. Shall determine the amount of currency put onto the international market as well as the safe limit of government bonds to be sold.

Director's Staff-- self-explanatory.

(National Monetary Offices)

Office of Monetary Management-- shall help the director establish the overall monetary policy by aiding in decisions regarding monetary allotments, surcharge and interest rates, currency released and withheld, the amount of bonds sold, corrective economic actions, and in international monetary affairs.

Banking Management and Investment Office-- shall determine the main focal points of investment for the nation's banks so that the citizenry's savings shall always bear the greatest chance of garnering wholesome interest rates. Shall also continuously seek to improve the banks' operating procedures and will aid in staffing the banking system with the best personnel.

NDC Budgeting Office-- shall examine the projected budget reports, accounting reports, and other documents from the National Directive Conglomerate in order to establish a reasonable adequate budget which the NDC will be compelled to follow. The budget will also be set for the Reserve, with the budgeting report being filed with the Supreme Court of Governmental Affairs.

citizens in a shorter period of time will result in a billing unless a significant disorder is found (in order to discourage hypochondriac influxes). All prescription drugs, medicines, and paraphernalia will be gratis and obtainable directly through the hospital or governmental distribution centers. Promotions and raises shall be awarded based upon those who render the healthiest patients while applying the most efficient use of medical resources. (Note: This form of socialized practice should virtually eliminate the dangerous cutting of corners and the corrupt padding of bills as compelled by the profit motive in capitalism.)

The government will handle mental cases which are only of enough significance to cause detrimental side effects. The government will handle cosmetic cases only in extreme cases of deformity or if the occurrence was caused by accident. All essential research by hospitals and by the Research and Development Agency shall be adequately supported by the government.

The commercial sector may offer every health service and pursue every field of research as the government but must comply with all governmental regulations. It shall control all over-the-counter drugs and medicines; it will also handle all routine cosmetic cases and milder mental cases. Should commercial research ever yield a drug or discovery which is critically needed by the nation, the government may appropriate its usage as it sees fit but must adequately compensate the commercial party. For population control purposes, the government and the commercial sectors must report all childbirths to the National Census Agency.

Housing

The bulk of all housing shall be commercially or individually provided. The government (Department of Livelihood) shall build and provide housing on a break-even basis for all lower-income citizens who cannot afford to buy or build according to market price, wherein some housing will be pre-built and set aside for this purpose. The governmental housing shall be built from artificial, quick-assembly materials which are durable and designed to resemble traditional or standard building materials. And, as much as possible, all such materials shall be fireproof. All governmentally housed will pay an affordable rent on a rent-to-own basis. The property containing the government home shall be considered one GPL, but the renter shall have full rights to their other allotted lot.

Immigration

Allowed so long as the nation's population quantity is under the limit. The Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization shall monitor immigrant numbers to ensure that the quantity obeys a strict limit which never causes an unmanageable rise in the nation's total population.

Insurance

Health-- There is no need for it unless private care is preferred by the citizen, wherein commercial insurance must be sought. The government shall insure its doctors free of charge and the medical staff will be disciplined, dismissed or decertified if found sufficiently incompetent. Private doctors must seek private insurance regarding liability.

Housing-- All government-supplied housing rented to the citizenry, as well as all included appliances, will be governmentally insured via replacement. Since the government will only ensure the availability of basic housing, all citizens who own the more luxurious commercially built residences shall seek the private insurance sector for full coverage.

Vehicles-- Totally commercially controlled, but must be set on a no-fault basis.

Personal Items-- All items citizens choose to purchase on their own shall be commercially insured.

Businesses-- Totally commercially controlled.

Life-- Totally commercially controlled.

(Note: If it is ever found by the Office of Economic Balance that any area of commercial insurance is too

enough are accumulated, another vote will be held in accordance with the unit size of the targeted facility.

Fiscal Management

Currency will be printed according to gross national product (GNP). Its primary release will go to funding the essential goods and services provided by the semisocialist system. Its second priority will be to the free market. The third priority will be its release to the government-sponsored amenities programs (under the Official Citizens' Conglomerate) designed to grant a higher quality of life to the citizenry. The government will utilize technological development--sponsored largely by its amenities programs--to continuously lower the citizenry's cost of living, thereby allowing more currency for the free market. As the free market allows citizens to purchase more government-controlled resources and services, more money will be available for the amenities programs. In order to hold inflation in check, the wages of governmental workers will remain at a perpetual level, never to be raised unless said workers are promoted in position. Also, the amenities programs will constantly host projects along with research-and-development plans where the money could be directed and used and will thereby constitute a portion of the GNP. Hopefully, this scheme, along with the incorporation of a system of fair-wealth distribution, will prevent all domestic economic difficulties and, in the process, virtually eliminate the need for corrective fiscal action. (For more, see "Monetary Management" in "SEMISOCIALIST MORALITY & PRINCIPLES" by ordering the floppy.)

Gambling

If there is to be gambling--whether casino or lottery--it will be conducted by the government, with the proceeds going to the nation's pool of revenue (thereby reducing the National Reserve's revenue surcharge). Gamblers shall purchase electronic debit cards monthly from the government (probably from a division that could be within the Reserve's Bureau of Distribution) at an amount based upon a limit set according to their monthly income in order to prevent individual over-expenditure. In order to receive the card, gamblers will have to fill out the appropriate forms beforehand. The card will bear the gambler's photograph, and they will be the only ones allowed to use the card. At all gambling and lottery facilities, the clerks will verify the photographs, insert the cards into electronic checking and debiting devices, and the value of the cards will decrease according to the quantity of chips or lottery tickets purchased. The card will also bear the gambler's account number and will thereby allow the computer network to display the amount the gambler has spent in a concurrent month so that, upon purchasing more credit for the card, their limit won't be exceeded.

Guns

All handguns will be banned from the general public and issued exclusively to police, military personnel, and to other official figures. Only the government (Division of Civil and Governmental Production) shall manufacture handguns. The general public will be banned from commanding any assault or heavy firearm of any kind. All private firearms will equal or exceed thirty-six inches in length, shall fire no more than six rounds, and shall be of a reasonable caliber for protection; the commercial sector will manufacture all such weaponry for the general populace, with the Department of Law Enforcement serving as the watchdog.

Health

All essential health and medical care in every category shall be available through socialized care. Every general citizen will be granted one free checkup every two years. All other visitations initiated by the

OCC Budgeting Office-- self-explanatory.

Monetary and Postal Printing Office-- shall print all of the nation's currency at the behest of the director. Shall also print all needed postage stamps and postal materials.

National Vault-- shall store the nation's unreleased currency as well as its official precious metals and gems.

TBA Office-- self-explanatory. Shall file accounting report with Supreme Court of Governmental Affairs.

(National Reserve's Bureau of Distribution)

National Banking System-- shall handle all of the nation's routine banking duties.

Division of Sustenance Distribution-- will operate storage facilities which market sustenance in its raw form to the individual citizens, commercial business, to the government, and facilities which collect all monies for the National Reserve.

Division of Resource Distribution-- shall operate facilities which sell raw resources to the individual citizens, commercial business, to the government, and which collect all monies for the National Reserve. The resources distributed shall also include fuels (processed by the CCIO).

Division of Utilities Collection-- shall collect money from utility bills.

Division of Rent Collection-- shall collect all rent paid by tenants of government-built housing or housing governmentally controlled as well as collect all rent paid by the citizenry for use of anything else governmentally controlled.

Division of Transportation Collection-- shall collect all money paid by the citizenry for public transportation (including such things as parking fees). Shall also store licensing and registration fees collected by the Department of Transportation.

Division of Penalties Collection-- shall receive all money collected by officials concerning fines and penalties.

National Postal Service-- shall handle all normal postal services.

OFFICIAL CITIZENS' CONGLOMERATE

The Official Citizen's Conglomerate (OCC) will function as the facilitator which allows the citizenry to explore the more intriguing aspects of life. Its offices will be more accessible to the general public and thereby will receive from it more direct interactional influence. Its functions will be essential, complimentary, and progressive and will include serving as the main link between the people and legislation, serving as the people's watchdog over government and as their direct voice to government, interpreting the law and Constitution, protecting the nation domestically, progressively distributing the economic and natural resources, stimulating creativity, mass manufacturing much of the nation's needed items, ameliorating the lives of the citizenry, and giving direction and purpose to human endeavor.

Council of the People

(Congregational Branch)

House of Provincial Senators:

Provincial Councillors-- elected by their individual provinces. Shall operate the forum where citizens may directly voice their concerns to government. The councillors shall hear a variety of concerned citizens, determine the basic national sentiment, and then use this input to determine the best issues to put before the legislature. The House will have the power to initiate progressive national programs which do not interfere with essential official action. The councillors shall have access to information from the prime councillor and may pass their own actions or veto those of the prime councillor with a 60% vote. The chief councillor (elected by the House) shall lead all activity, keep order at sessions, shall render occasional speeches to the House of Provincial senators, head up the house's required reports, and shall appoint the heads to the Printing Office and the TBA Office.

Council's Printing Office-- shall produce all OCC printed literature.

TBA Office-- self-explanatory.

(Interactive Branch)

Prime Councillor-- shall take steps to improve the contentment of the nation, to ameliorate the difficulties of daily living, to increase and improve pathways for individual and national advancement, and shall establish national programs accordingly. Shall appoint and supervise the heads of all subordinate offices and shall command the operations of the nation's domestic military forces.

Prime Councillor's Staff-- self-explanatory.

Prime Councillor's Offices of Policy:

Office of Human Relations-- shall aid the prime councillor in various manners dealing with making the lives of the citizenry more comfortable and fulfilling and shall shape policies and develop programs accordingly. Office employees shall interact with the public to determine the average sentiment. Main goals shall be to ease stress and tension, create a more congenial climate of human interaction, and to allow more outlets for entertaining relief. Some specific plans the Office may pursue: public arbitration for those not seeking court action, free information-networks, helping adults and kids find compatible mates and friends, free counselling, and constructive programs to entertain kids after school.

Office of Human Advancement-- shall lay the groundwork for the evolution of societal capabilities. Shall orchestrate specific plans with long-range goals geared toward propelling the citizenry to new heights of achievement by certain dates; shall thereby aid the prime councillor in deciding the directions which the Interactive divisions shall pursue regarding general research and exploration. Some general plans: the designing of more capable automated systems which further free humanity for more cerebral as well as social and leisurely endeavors, the development of cheaper water purification and desalination processes, the pursuit of processes to transform all waste into usable products, the orchestration of innovation programs of rehabilitation in prison designed to better reform inmates, the planning of cities with improved ecological and practical qualities, and the engineering of mechanisms which more efficiently harvest the energies produced by natural forces.

Board of Holistic Incorporators-- shall study man and nature the world over to determine if policies and systems applied by natural forces and by other human cultures produce results superior to the policies and systems practiced domestically. Shall lay the groundwork for incorporating the better ways into the lives of the citizenry.

Office of Economic Advancement-- shall continuously devise new and stimulating economic avenues for the nation to collectively and individually explore in its endeavor to prosper. Shall also engineer the most

The petition shall be publicized; if no objections arise from any other offices, those extras will be allotted, with said extras coming from stored supplies, from other governmental offices, or from surcharge increases in specific commodities or services. If objections arise, the Court will weigh all evidence of the substantiality of need, with the burden of proof falling upon the petitioning party.

Facility Expansion

Each citizen will be given a limit of two granted property lots (GPLs) and may claim them upon reaching adulthood and completing educational requirements, whereupon they will be granted private land bonds. All such citizens will be designated as "land representatives" since they'll represent a portion of all land which is legally manipulatable by the citizenry. In order to ensure the availability of land for trading and business expansion, no private structure (on private land not awarded by vote) shall exceed one GPL.

Homes-- Each GPL will be of more than sufficient size for a reasonably sized house. Houses may be constructed with any materials officially safe and in any legal manner desired by the owners.

Business-- Entrepreneurs who have maximized their facilities on both their GPLs may approach other land representatives and pay them for the use of their land, but those representatives may not be a member of the entrepreneur's parental or maternal family or a first-generation cousin, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, in-law, or an employee (to avoid the use of procreation for personal or family greed, to eliminate one avenue for coercion of subordinates, and to spread money more evenly throughout the general populace). If found in violation, then the renting entrepreneur, not the land representative, will face fines and/or confiscation of business paraphernalia. The government (Department of Land management) will assist in finding legitimate representatives and in checking family background. Contracts between entrepreneurs and representatives will be valid only for a limited number of years before renegotiations so that representatives will be free to change renters or go into business for themselves. Because businesses tend to be less permanent than homes, all business structures will be built in a manner which allows easy assembly (i.e., quick-assembly materials) or disassembly. Representatives may designed them to accommodate stacking (extra stories added), wherein they may choose to rent different levels to different tenants.

Excess Land-- Of the excess commercially manipulatable land, the public will be allowed to vote on its usage. Entrepreneurs will submit proposals to the Department of Land Management along with the payment of a candidacy fee (to discourage a flood of whimsical proposals). Their submissions shall encompass such proposals as private learning institutions, sporting stadiums, hospitals, concert halls, amusement parks, and businesses and industries of all allowable kinds. The proposals will list the advantages they bear--such as jobs and economic stimulation--and will be printed in abridged form in publications made available to the public. The total amount of land up for vote will be indicated by "units," with one unit equaling one GPL; each proposal shall list the number of units its span will cover. When voting (with the voting process being handled by the Commission of Election and Recall), the citizens shall rank their choices in order of preference. The winners will be those proposals with the highest rankings whose combined units fall within the limit of the total amount of available units.

Example: One thousand units are up for vote. Candidates are 1) an amusement park--300 units, 2) a private college--400 units, 3) a processing/canning facility--300 units, 4) a large adult entertainment complex--200 units, 5) a private research and development facility--100 units, and 6) an exercise and athletic complex--100 units. After the vote, the final rankings are: 3--1st, 2--2nd, 4--3rd, 1--5th, and 6--6th. Since proposals 3, 2, and 4 add up to 900 units, only 100 are still available. The next available one which will accommodate this is #5. Therefore, the winners are 3, 2, 4, and 5. The winning entrepreneurs will be exempt from any fees on land usage. At any point in the future, those citizens dissatisfied with the performance of any of the winners may file a form with the Commission of Election and Recall, wherein, if

accommodate the nation's needed work force. The government shall provide complete funding for all required courses in majors.

Upon high school graduation, the students shall be granted up to a four-year collegiate and up to a two-year tech. school education free of charge, but only to study their awarded majors; students must provide their own funding for all electives. (No electives will be required.) The entering class volume will be adjusted as needed by the government, but those already enrolled in their majors shall be allowed to continue until graduation. Continuing in action will be self-pace and speed-reading training. Those college students who continuously fail to make adequate progress and who are unresponsive to all practiced forms of instructional aid will be demoted to less challenging chosen college majors on down to their chosen tech. school majors until a compatible major is found. Those in tech. school will be demoted as well. The government college and tech. school shall provide each student with all necessary learning materials and shall provide those from distant locales with free room and board if needed. The government shall offer master's and doctorate degree programs to a select few of the highest achieving students in all significant fields, whereupon, after graduation, they will be obligated to serve the nation for minimal salary for an established period of time in government hospitals, in public legal representation, in the military, or in other governmental institutions relevant to their careers. High school graduates who join the military shall also be collegiately or technically educated; those with only technical educations shall have the option of attending government college as older adults in later years.

The private sector may compete with the government at every level of education but must teach all required courses, harbor all required facilities, and must impose all standardized tests which indicate achievement and which aid the government in projecting the class volumes in college and tech. school. All who choose not to pursue their awarded majors and who seek formal graduate degrees or formal retraining and weren't selected by the government, or who are older adults seeking formal higher education (who are not military veterans) shall fund their educations from sources outside those of government. Also, those students in governmental colleges selected for graduate studies will have the option of paying to spend those extra years in private education and eliminating their obligation to public service.

For those wishing to retrain or obtain higher education without formal supervision, the government shall institute a self-education system incorporating computer software and instructional literature which will allow such citizens to intake knowledge in as clear and concise a manner as possible. The instructional materials shall be available for free on the Internet, on loan through national libraries, or for a price through governmental distribution centers. Students shall receive study credits and degrees by taking standardized tests given at various times and locations by government officials.

Legally, it shall be mandatory that all citizens (who are not mentally or physically handicapped or who haven't received special dispensation) pursue their education from grade school on through the collegiate or technical level in a normal and uninterrupted chronological cycle whether or not the facilities are governmental or private. Land bonds and marriage certificates will not be granted until graduation occurs. Young students who chronically misbehave in governmental or private facilities will be subject to detention in juvenile facilities, not to be released until undergoing psychoanalysis, a rigid disciplinary program, and until proven to be potentially productive--or at least safe--for society. Some other possible stipulations are school uniforms (to prevent clothing distractions) and separate facilities for the sexes (to eliminate a sexual distraction from learning and to reduce encounters leading to teen sex).

Extra Governmental Funding and Allotments

Any governmental office requesting funding, resources, or sustenance in excess of that granted by the Reserve or the allotment agencies must submit a petition to the Supreme Court of Governmental Affairs.

efficient means to manage money regarding the operation of programs and regarding proposals submitted by all offices and divisions of the prime councillor. Possible plans: devising a very efficient barter system that will accommodate the trading of virtually every commodity on the private market for those with commodities but without excessive monetary funds, and determining the feasibility of having an apparatus custom-made for a project as compared to purchasing a somewhat less desirable one already on the market.

Office of Legal Incorporation-- shall ensure that all aspects of all programs are legally sound when they are incorporated into general society. Shall also aid the prime councillor in legal affairs.

Office of Domestic Defense-- shall aid in the shaping of policy regarding military action inside national borders and regarding the best weapons designs to pursue.

TBA Office-- self-explanatory.

Prime Councillor's Interactive Divisions:

Division of Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights-- shall issue these three documents of intellectual protection to the citizenry. For a minimal fee, inventors shall submit ideas in common language; if the ideas are worthy of patent protection, the Patent Office personnel shall transform the common language into the necessary legal jargon, whereupon the inventions are protected for a standard period of years at no additional cost to the inventors. Patents, copyrights, and trademarks will be protected by law free of charge (the Division shall staff its own authorities to determine infractions).

Research and Development Agency-- shall be staffed with scientists, engineers, physicians, experts, and laboratory technicians in all areas of science and technology who are dedicated to finding discoveries and broadening the knowledge base in their various areas. The agency shall command all related facilities necessary for operations and shall also work with public and private concerns desiring to expand the horizons of general knowledge.

Division of Behavioral Sciences-- shall staff doctors, psychologists and psychiatrists in all areas concerning human behavior who are dedicated to unlocking the mysteries of the human psyche and to applying such knowledge to the task of creating an environment of positive instead of negative societal influences. Shall work with prisoners in order to discover ways of preventing crime and with the mentally ill in order to determine the causes of their afflictions. Shall command all facilities necessary for Division operations and shall also work with public and private concerns involved in general research.

Division of Education Advancement-- shall staff professionals knowledgeable in general fields along with educational and communications experts who shall continually seek to develop improved methods of education capable of accelerating learning and keeping up with man's increasing knowledge base. Shall possess the facilities necessary to transfer their methods directly to usable medium. Shall also work with public and private concerns involved in developing effective teaching methods.

Division of Space Exploration-- Shall staff all related experts who shall study the cosmos and exploit the boundaries of outer space. Shall command facilities related to the manufacturing and operation of space apparatus. Shall launch all the nation's public, commercial, and exploratory space-bound orbital objects. Shall also work with public and private concerns with benevolent intentions toward space study and exploration.

Library of Human Advancement-- shall store all information concerning human discovery and shall distribute such information to requesters.

Master Documented Program-- shall serve as one part of the plan to unify mankind. Shall be cataloged and stored within Library (of Human Advancement) walls. The MDP shall list and detail in encyclopedic volume all of man's endeavors to advance his species, all significant problems needing alleviation, all employment available regarding such, and all aid available as well as all organizations which any individual may join concerning their particular interests.

Division of Program Coordination-- shall command all facilities and personnel necessary to operate progressive domestic programs enacted by the prime councillor and/or the House of Provincial Councillors. Shall catalog a list and description of programs so that the public and potential volunteers and participants may be informed.

Division of Child Supervision-- shall staff and operate orphanages, adoption agencies, and facilities which keep children for working parents. Shall also supervise juvenile delinquents.

Collective Earth Organization-- shall serve as the ecumenical leg of the plan for uniting mankind's endeavors, functioning as the international haven for Earth's advocates of collective global endeavors. Shall function, for the Council of the People, as its brain trust and outlet for conceiving and enacting progressive nonpolitical and unofficial programs in needy foreign lands. The nation shall allot a tract of land as well as all essential facilities which shall allow the initial organizational membership--consisting of diversely talented foreign and domestic representatives of all races--to congregate in reasonable comfort and to conduct private and isolated exercises, experiments and conferences dealing with worldly amelioration and advancement--all in a colony-type setting, a "world embassy." All members must sign an oath committing themselves to congenial cooperation with all members and to the obedience of the organizational charter. The organization's director shall be elected by the membership and shall oversee all proposals submitted to the prime councillor and the provincial councillors for approval and backing. The organization shall also be allowed to accept global donations and shall pursue perennial goals dedicated to maximizing human synergism: 1) the development and promotion of a common language consisting of ecumenical influences (so that all humans may communicate in a nonpartisan language), 2) the establishment and promotion of a constitution for the equity and advancement of all nations (with the conditions for becoming a beneficiary nation hinging around human and environmental rights), 3) a set of detailed and documented projects for the advancement and development of specific locales. The organizational headquarters shall be established in the nation with the hope that subordinate branches will be allowed to spread to other global areas.

Prime Councillor's Military Agencies:

National Guard-- shall defend the nation and keep the peace within national boundaries. Shall operate the Coast Guard and shall provide manpower for national emergencies and disaster relief.

Domestic Weapons Agency-- shall design, develop, and manufacture all domestic military weaponry.

Agency for Disaster Relief-- shall manage operations in the wake of disasters and shall organize and supervise all military, official, and civil manpower.

Conglomerate of Commercial and Industrial Operations

The CCIO shall function as the heart of the nation's production base, with its main purpose being that of providing small but creative entrepreneurs with an alternative outlet for the production and marketing of their creations. It shall help tool up private industry and shall also produce much of the nation's civil and governmental needed items.

From grade school on through the years of higher education, standardized tests shall indicate academic achievement and determine when students deserve promotion to advanced subject material and grade levels. Numbered grades will be used to indicate whether students have mastered an acceptable or unacceptable level of the material. If unacceptable, then only that unlearned material shall be studied until an acceptable level is reached (to take the pressure off the student by eliminating the fear of failing and having to repeat entire courses). When all courses pertaining to a grade level have been successfully completed, the next grade shall be entered into immediately. (As students complete individual courses in which they are more gifted, more time will be available for them to study their more challenging ones.)

For the younger children, massive effort will be exerted in order to find dynamic and stimulating ways to teach those who learn better through different processes, and teachers shall be assigned who specialize in those particular methods. Teachers producing the best results shall garner special incentives and privileges. Different schools or sections of same schools shall provide the various new teaching methods and equipment. For the more disciplined and capable students, a self-pace program shall be offered to all who are of enough discipline to make sufficient independent progress, with educational paraphernalia and standardized tests serving as the teacher and as the indicator of achievement.

The first six grade levels shall consist mainly of reading, writing and math, with reading governing the bulk of the attention. Methods shall be practiced geared toward elevating the students up to a level of rapid reading ability (speed-reading). During this time, their vocabulary shall also be expanded.

Grades seven through nine shall introduce a curriculum of advanced math, history, social studies, geography, environmental appreciation, physical education, basic science, nutrition and cooking, and also optional courses such as foreign languages. Emphasis shall continue to be placed upon speed-reading and vocabulary (with the intent being the faster reading occurs, the faster learning occurs, the faster contributions to society occur). Self-pace shall be virtually in full effect at these grade levels, and the students will switch from grade to grade as they individually progress.

As students near the end of the ninth grade level, they'll be given an initial intelligence test and required to rank--in order of preference--a broad list of general fields of study in which they are interested. The junior high schools will provide a condensed library covering all offered fields so that the students may have the adequate information to learn more about them before making selections. Those displaying a higher I.Q. and aptitude will be awarded the more challenging fields, with the high school class size being designed to fill projected national need.

During high school, self-pace education and speed-reading training shall continue along with the mandatory and optional courses; study of the awarded field will begin. The high school will be provided with the necessary facilities to teach the complete list of fields which were offered, and the students shall have the opportunity to acquire familiarity with their chosen career paths before entering college or tech. school. (This will also give them firsthand experience to decide if they like their choice of fields.) The high school library will contain numerous copies of all material taught in all courses offered. All requesting students shall be allowed library time to learn more concerning their first choice or to decide upon another field and begin its study on their own (in addition to studying their awarded field) so that they will not lose time compared to those who have been awarded and are already enrolled in that particular course. As individual students complete their high school education, they'll be given final testing to indicate their knowledge level in their studied field and to determine aptitude. Here, those wishing to switch fields (for college or tech. school) and who have adequately studied will have a chance to overtake those already studying that particular field by taking and excelling at testing pertaining to it. Besides testing, the students will also rank a list of majors within their field of study which they wish to pursue collegiately or technically. The government shall examine the test results and award the majors to those best qualified according to a class size strategically determined to be of the volume necessary to

workers (especially governmental) the amenity of less hours with the same pay.

Government-- Will offer select workers on-the-job training or will grant retraining in governmental institutions of learning. The younger employees will be the first selected for retraining while the older sect will be the last manning a job until its obsolescence. Some of the displaced who are of an age unfeasible for retraining but still with significant time before retirement will be offered consignment dealerships to sell governmentally produced goods until reaching retirement and receiving their subsistence checks, whereupon their consignment shall be terminated and they will be eligible for only wholesale dealerships, requiring those choosing to remain in business to expend their own capital for wholesale purchases. The government shall also maintain a jobs bank with the private sector for the displaced to consult as well as a national network which will pervasively circulate their resumes for all prospective employees to see.

Private Sector-- Individual private concerns shall receive preferential governmental incentives in an amount proportional to the generosity of their employee retraining programs and to the amount of aid they give their older displaced employees in finding other work or in starting businesses.

Drugs (Narcotics or Recreational)

Legal for all adults except pregnant mothers--but only if produced domestically; no "imports" allowed. Marketing must be done discreetly and completely out of public view. The justice system shall be involved only when criminal acts are committed regarding recreational narcotics or while the subjects are under drug influence. Pushers selling fatal drugs resulting in death will be prosecuted for homicide. Criminal acts will result in incarceration, lesser penalties, or court-ordered treatment. Since addicted mothers threaten the lives of their unborn, these mothers-to-be will be confined in amiable facilities and treated until the birth of their children, during which time they'll be eligible for a no-interest governmental loan to help tide over their normal living expenses. All governmental and private businesses and organizations will have the right to test employees on a periodic basis or to require the testing of applicants and may terminate or refuse to hire anyone at any time who tests positive. All owners of private places for rent will have the right to refuse tenants known to use drugs. (The government may register chronic users for public protection and reference.)

Through research and development, voluntary treatment could include pills which produce lethargic effects (counter-agents) when mixed with narcotics. Voluntary and involuntary treatment could include the development of surgical implants which emit these counter-agents upon activation by narcotics introduced into the bloodstream.

Should drug usage become problematic, the nation's revenue shall be redirected to counter it, with the funds going toward treatment, rehabilitation, and studies to determine why some people would rather live in an inebriated world than a sober one. Problematic chronic users who commit no significant crimes will be confined to large treatments areas, where they will reside in dormitories and be employed until it's believed they can successfully return to society.

The semisocialistic ideology is to acknowledge that some individuals are attracted to drugs, accept it, and to incorporate it into the system in such a way that the overall status of the citizenry is protected from the real threat drugs pose--crime or injury against others. The individual user shouldn't be punished unless he or she threatens the safety and lives of someone else.

Education

Provided free of charge by the government for all citizens who follow the normal chronological cycle. The behavior disordered shall be provided with the necessary attention at separate facilities. The mentally handicapped shall be trained in simplistic skills and trades in which they shall work throughout their lives, with this training to be conducted at separate facilities.

Director-- shall appoint and oversee all heads of all subordinate offices. Shall give final clearance as to the best products to be produced by the Conglomerate. Shall give final clearance on the annual reports for obtaining funds and resources. Shall serve as the national and international representative for the nation's commercial and industrial operations.

Director's Staff-- self-explanatory.

Executive Board of Advisors-- shall consist of the heads of the various offices and divisions who shall frequently congregate with the director in order to map out strategies and discuss Conglomerate business.

(Divisions of Industry and Commerce)

Office of Product Selection-- shall determine which products produced by private creators are deserving of Conglomerate production or aid and shall administer binding contracts between commercial parties and the Conglomerate. A minimal fee will be charged in order to prevent a flood of whimsical submissions. Office shall also determine the quantity of products to be made in reference to available Conglomerate resources and in reference to information from the Product Marketing Agency.

Division of Research and Development-- shall staff technological personnel who shall develop and refine all product ideas submitted by all offices of the Conglomerate. The Division shall draft working plans or formulas so that prototypes or samples may be made and tested to ensure items are worthy of Conglomerate production.

Office of Facilities Allotment-- shall assign either private concerns or governmental personnel and facilities to the task of producing various commercial products. Whenever possible, commercial concerns charging the most reasonable production costs shall be awarded the projects.

Office of Resource Management-- will purchase all of the Conglomerate's raw resources from the National Reserve and shall store them and manage their distribution so that all individual production offices are supplied according their allotted limits. (The Conglomerate will pass the cost of resources on to the consumers when products are marketed to private parties.)

Division of Commercial Production-- shall command massive manufacturing and production facilities which allow Conglomerate employees to produce products for private parties when private industry is not available or does not possess the capabilities for production. Shall also command tracts of land which allow further facilities to be supplied for private use until private industry can be found. Shall produce machinery and apparatus with which it shall tool up private industry until the nation is saturated with commercial production capabilities in diverse categories; the equipment shall either be rented or bought by the private parties. Regarding domestic commercial concerns, the Division shall operate on a break-even basis, with the wholesale prices designed to cover Conglomerate expenses so that the entrepreneurs may reap as high a profit ratio as possible and so that citizens may be stimulated into creativity regarding the potential for earnings.

Division of Commercial Sustenance Production-- will produce food products for private concerns when private industry is not available.

Office of Quality Control-- will oversee the quality and safety of all products under Conglomerate jurisdiction before they are released to the market or to their users.

Product Marketing Agency-- shall wholesale products to commercial concerns and keep records of such transactions and/or product performances in order to determine which items to continue. The Agency

shall store these finished products until they are marketed or recycled. On big-ticket items, some private dealers will be licensed to sell on commission and will not have to purchase the merchandise. (The Office of Economic Balance shall ensure a fair distribution of wholesale and commission dealerships.) The Agency will also maintain records of the complete national market for Conglomerate referral.

Citizens' Advertising Agency-- shall utilize the Citizens' Media Network to advertise products produced under Conglomerate jurisdiction and to provide small entrepreneurs with affordable advertising. Shall also aid in the production of affordable commercials and print layouts.

Division of Civil and Governmental Production-- shall command the facilities and personnel necessary to produce all nonmilitary civil and governmental items (including fuels). Shall handle the bulk of the nation's recycling. Shall process the nation's official precious metals which are to be stored in the National Vault. The Division will also manufacture a line of unimpressive but adequate basic household appliances for those with low incomes renting government housing.

Office of Industrial Design-- shall develop more efficient and less expensive production methods for the Conglomerate. Shall design production layouts for the Conglomerate and for commercial concerns. Shall design machinery capable of performing distinctive functions for the Conglomerate and for the tooling up of private industry.

Office of Foreign Design-- shall aid entrepreneurs in designing products to be sold in foreign lands in order for the nation to better compete in international trade. The Conglomerate's complete facilities shall be open to all foreigners, with the stipulation being that all items designed and developed free of charge must be produced under Conglomerate control and that all foreign marketing shall be done exclusively through the International Trade Agency. The Conglomerate can also be paid by foreigners to perform any and all functions. (Note: The availability of the Conglomerate for hire to foreigners will serve as another currency-backing commodity, increasing the currency's value as the Conglomerate's capabilities increase and advance. As gold is a currency-backing commodity, so is production capability.)

International Trade Agency-- shall handle all the burdens of marketing all of the nation's exported and imported finished commercial goods. Shall maintain records of all exported products and shall control and operate outlets on domestic soil which shall be the only places where imported goods can be initially sold inside national boundaries.

TBA Office-- self-explanatory.

Citizens' Independent Agencies

Office of Economic Balance-- basic intent will be that of ensuring a fair and wide distribution of the wealth and of preventing the occurrences of monopolies and oligarchies capable of destabilizing the nation's economy. Shall continuously consult the Census Agency statistics and will scope the national economic atmosphere to spot citizens who are at the lower ends of the monetary scale in an effort to incorporate them into lucrative endeavors capable of bringing them better economic success, especially so that locales of concentrated poverty cannot develop. Shall discourage monopolies and oligarchies in certain commercial markets by temporarily competing directly in the markets or by capitalizing competition against businesses which it feels are excessively powerful. Shall ensure the existence of a fair and pervasive dealership base consisting of private manufacturers who sell finished commercial goods manufactured under government supervision. Shall ensure that government institutions are built on a pervasive basis nationally so that all areas will benefit economically. (Shall use the Court of Governmental Affairs to gain compliance.) Shall oversee a subordinate office (Foreign Goods Regulatory Office) which shall keep track of the balance of trade (as conducted by the International Trade Agency) and which shall

Day Care

Provided free of charge governmentally (Division of Child Supervision). The center will provide supervision, toys, and entertainment; the parents must provide food, milk, diaper paraphernalia, and other needs they prefer their children to have or a fee will be charged. An inspector will visit the center to watch for signs of incompetence, abuse, and violations. The commercial sector may participate in day care but shall also be liable to governmental inspection.

Deaths: Laying to Rest

Because land space is precious--and finite--all deceased citizens laid to rest within national boundaries shall be cremated. This shall be the law--no matter one's religion or beliefs. Those objecting will have to explore the option of having their deceased loved ones taken elsewhere. Regarding cremation, a possible idea would be for the government to build mortuary structures encompassing small drawers which visitors may open, with said drawers bearing the vase of ashes along with pictures, biographic literature, and personal items of the deceased; a small one-time fee would be charged for this. The funeral process will be a non-governmental one; the cremation process can either be either privately or governmentally performed.

Defense

The executive branch (NDC) will bear the responsibility of protecting the nation from the outside. The inside will be the responsibility of the interactive branch (OCC)--a branch designed to be in touch with and more accessible to the citizenry. All militaristic weapons are to be manufactured solely by governmental personnel. Recruitment will operate on a volunteer basis, with economic, educational, and special civil privileges serving as incentives to join.

Morally, militaristic strength will never be used for cultural exploitation or unwanted intervention. No assault will be launched on foreign lands on behalf of the nation unless an obvious and imposing peril exists that is absolutely untenable without armed conflict. Mercy missions shall not be joined unless there is worldly support and participation. Economically, the nation's infrastructure will not suffer monetary diversion unless the nation is being directly attacked in holocaust proportions. Technologically, new weaponry and procedures shall continuously be developed which will allow conflicts to end with minimum bloodshed and which will incapacitate humans while remaining innocuous to the environment.

Disability

For security regarding no-fault injuries which occur outside of work, citizens may take out private or extra-governmental insurance to tide them over until recuperation. Uninsured citizens who are injured may receive no-interest governmental loans which they must repay after recovery of health. The permanently or significantly disabled will receive disability payments from the Department of Livelihood.

Displaced Workers

As the nation's human labor is replaced by automation, human potential will be directed into the more complex and advanced endeavors--particularly those of research and development in all fields. Since machines do not need pay, that cash flow shall be re-channeled towards an ever-increasing pool of retrained and expanding minds laboring to find more effective methods of environmental preservation, stronger/lighter/tougher/cheaper materials, better medical treatments, smarter electronic circuits, more efficient fuels, more about the mysteries of the universe, more about the psyche of man, more capable automation....to replace still more human labor--endeavors leading to evolutionary capabilities. Research and development will be the nation's pot of gold—also allowing the nation to grant more and more

Unlike the capitalist one, the main purpose of the semisocialistic banking system is to spread loaned money efficaciously throughout the populace and to serve as the watchdog over it assuring its return. Since bank personnel will be salaried governmental employees, the banks' interest rate will be strategically set to operate all banks on a break-even basis so that borrowing will be encouraged and so that the public will be awarded adequate gains on their accounts. Those banking executives most successful at lending the most money while breaking even at their individual banks will be promoted within the system. The banks will be aggressive at aiding the public through business networking.

Regarding financial matters, the commercial sector may own loan and investment companies and the like, but they may not offer regular banking services.

Business

The commercial sector may compete with the government in every area of business that is not used to gather the nation's revenue. It will totally control all domestic retailing of domestic goods and will have access to exploiting all forms of the service industry that the government does not touch. The commercial sector shall be given the first chance to manufacture new commercial products, but the government (CCIO) shall manufacture all products too large or complex for the granted private land space and shall also manufacture all items used by government. The private sector will completely control the stock market as well as all private bonds.

Since, for a healthy economy, the quantity of released currency in circulation is proportional to the amount of goods and services available, only established businesses who aid the National Reserve in determining said amount shall be eligible for special governmental incentives such as networking services, preferred contracts and loans, inexpensive advertising, etc. Plus, the allotment agencies and the Reserve shall offer cheaper, bulk prices for parties who comply. These incentives will compel the private sector to fill out forms indicating the type of business, the materials used, and the quantities and price of the various items sold or services rendered. Since this process is so simple and does not call for the businesses to pay additional taxes, compliance should be given without apprehension. (To participate, the business owners must be "pure entrepreneurs"--not be employed in any way by any other entity governmental or private. This eliminates defrauding the government for cheaper surcharges.)

Capital Punishment

Not applied--unless the homicidal criminal possess such an ability to escape that all existing methods available to confine him or her are rendered completely ineffective. Murderers sentenced to life with no hope of parole may request self-applied life termination--which could comprise their being led into a private chamber, whereupon they may voluntarily consume a lethal substance designed to cause death as quickly and painlessly as possible.

Credit Industry

The credit industry will be required to register all activities and customers with a credit-check agency of the government. Before being issued any card, consumers will have to fill out a form declaring their income level, whereupon the agency will impose a credit limit--applicable on a cumulative basis to all cards held by a single consumer. (To prevent consumers from using multiple cards to get further into debt.) Citizens desiring a higher limit will be required to bring proof of higher income (pay records, bank accounts, etc.) Consumers who falsely magnify their incomes in order to expand their credit limit and, as a result, cannot repay their issued credit will be subject to civil action from businesses, to criminal fraud charges, or to other actions.

advise when protective action is to be taken.

National Agency of Investigation-- shall investigate all governmental offices and have access to all governmental records in order to ensure that all officials are operating scrupulously, efficiently and competently. Shall use the Court of Governmental Affairs in order to pursue prosecution. Shall also investigate all matters of wide-range national importance.

Commission of Election and Recall-- shall serve as the center for the general citizenry to express their approval or disapproval of provincial and national officials. On the national level, each provincial Commission shall monitor the approval ratings of all national officials; when 50% indicate an official as having a severe disapproval rating, the national Commission shall warn the official and grant them a period of time to improve in ratings before conducting an election allowing the people an opportunity to replace the official. The Commission shall administer the funds for all election campaigns and shall conduct elections to find replacements for positions vacated for any reason. The approval ratings for governmental appointees shall also be monitored. Governmental laws, actions, and projects awarded through public land votes will also face the threat of being recalled upon accumulating adequate public disapproval.

Office of Land Allotment-- will manage the allotment of land to the citizenry and the government.

Resource Allotment Agency-- will ensure a climate of fair access to the nation's exploitable resources by examining all evidence of the nation's projected needs in order to grant reasonable portions to individual citizens, commercial business, and to government.

Sustenance Allotment Agency-- shall ensure a climate of fair access to the nation's sustenance.

Production Inspection Agency-- shall approve or disapprove products based upon their safeness or danger potential. Shall report the best and worst quality products in order to inform consumers.

Arts, Media, and Entertainment Regulatory Commission-- will establish and oversee regulations and policies regarding the arts, publications, film, television and radio programs, the Internet, and broadcasting and station sales and transactions. Shall control movie ratings system. Shall set censoring policies. Shall commission channels and frequencies.

Citizens' Media Network-- shall aid the little man in media concerns. Shall offer TV/radio programming and printed literature serving the public interest. Will function as an alternative to commercialized media.

National Judiciary System

Supreme Court of Governmental Affairs-- shall serve as the ultimate court of appeals for cases tried in the lower Courts of Governmental Affairs. Shall consist of multiple judges elected by the people who shall simultaneously sit on a common bench and vote on decisions upon reviewing evidence. Will decide if proper governmental action has been taken in relation to constitutional law, shall render decision as to whether officials at the national level should be indicted and whether charges should be filed in criminal court thereby, shall settle civil disputes between the government and the citizenry, and shall settle inner-governmental disputes. Shall serve as the only court in the nation which settles disputes concerning the granting of extra funding and resources to governmental branches (shall decide by determining whether the shift in assets would improve or jeopardize the nation's overall stability).

Supreme Court of Civil and Criminal Affairs-- All judges shall be elected. Shall function as the ultimate interpreter of the Constitution and the law and as the ultimate court of appeals regarding criminal cases and regarding civil cases in which the government is not the significant plaintiff or defendant.

Judicial Commissioners-- shall appoint all judges below the supreme courts. Shall also monitor judges' performances and decisions. Commissioners are elected.

Commissioners of Trial Jurors-- shall commission those citizens most qualified to serve as trial jurors. Citizens shall be tested for psychological fitness and their individual verdicts shall be monitored over a period of time in order to determine if a pattern of biasness exists which warrants termination of their commissions. Juristic service will be a professional occupation on a part- or full-time basis; it will be offered as a two-year college major (with course requirements such as basic law, psychology, and detective basics) and jurors will be selected by lottery for trials. This service will also serve as a method for attorneys to repay the government for their education. In cases of juror shortages, the general citizenry will be drafted in order to accommodate the difference, but the commission process should relieve the majority of the public from this unwanted burden. (Commissioners are elected.)

Commissioners of Panel Members-- shall commission criminal court panel members, who shall be used in lieu of attorneys to question subjects in trials and also used optionally in lieu of juries to render verdicts.

All other needed, lower courts covering all other matters shall be included in the judicial branch. The judges will be appointed.

PROPOSED CATEGORICAL BREAKDOWN

(Note: These are my proposals only. Any ideas which are superior will be incorporated.)

Abortion

Legal in the first trimester. Provided free of charge by government in cases of youth, rape, incest, extreme fetal physical complications, danger to mother, or for the accommodation of population-control policy. For abortions not of these cases, funding could come from the individuals involved or from a governmental choice-fund which allows voluntary contributions so that the service is available on a socialistic basis for citizens of lower income.

(Note: In order to decrease the desire for abortion, along with better birth-control methods, the nation shall seek to develop increasingly sophisticated life-support systems--"substitute wombs"--capable of sustaining the fetus outside of the mother at earlier and earlier stages of life. This alternative will be offered to mothers so that they may end their pregnancies early without terminating the fetus, allowing the baby to develop and be adopted.)

Alcohol and Tobacco

I personally consider these substances as drags upon the human race, with tobacco especially being a nasty, filthy habit. But the personal sentiment of some should not dictate the individual rights of others. And, as long as both the legal rights of the partakers and the abstainers are respected, then the partakers must be allowed to practice whatever vices they choose.

Because these are nonessential and potentially detrimental elements, the amount of land and resources devoted to their production shall be voted upon by the public. The private sector will engineer its own mixtures regarding ingredients, but the government will produce all crops and paraphernalia associated with the production and packaging of both indulgences--paid for by the investors of the said private sector.

A special surcharge--"national health liability insurance"--will be charged to the private investors, which they will pass on to consumers. The liability system will cover substance-related medical care (regardless of whether it is governmentally or commercially provided), civil suits, fines, as well as rehab for people wanting to break their addictions--with separate stipulations for smoking and drinking, of course. If

detrimental societal effects increase, the surcharge will be increased as well.

Distribution centers will be established where the government can track all circulation and sales. These centers will wholesale the items in bulk to licensed businesspeople (bar, liquor storeowners, etc.) Individual dealers must have a registered place of business and will be fined for selling outside of its boundaries or for selling to the under aged. Public smoking restrictions will be strictly enforced. Media advertising will be stringently monitored in order to ensure that no deceptions are carried on regarding health consequences and that the substances are not portrayed as glamorous or "socially necessary."

Arts/Entertainment/Mass Media

The government will be allowed one national TV network, one national newspaper, and one FM radio network accessible to all areas of the nation--Citizens' Media Network (CMN). The CMN shall serve to keep the populace informed of current events and will be a source of information in important topics as well as a provider of entertainment; interviews will be conducted with important political figures, and it shall serve to educate everyone at all age levels about the world and man. Small business shall receive national exposure for low cost, and all businesses which significantly aid the government in serving the people shall be given free advertising. Examples: Businesses that are willing to hire ex-offenders or who donate large sums to charities shall receive governmental advertising incentives.

On TV, small production companies shall be given air time by the CMN so that their new shows can run nationwide. Their shows will each run for a limited number of weeks, most effectively during the rerun stage of commercial television. The commercial sector shall judge and then bid on any desired shows.

On radio, small recording companies and little-known artists will be given air time so that their talents can be exposed. Also, little-known political activists--or anyone in general having something interesting to contribute--will be featured.

In the newspaper, lesser known columnists and cartoonists will be given space, and a missing-persons and most-wanted section will run continuously.

Internet access: available for free to all by either dial-up access, cable access or by wireless means (just as one turns on one's radio to hear free music.) Internet access will be funded by advertisers and site owners who pay the government to post Web sites.

In order to assure low advertising rates, the government will subsidize the CMN if necessary, but the initial goal will be for it to operate on a break-even basis.

The commercial sector will control the rest of the market and will have free reign in handling all major entertainment and celebrities. For the launching of broadcast satellites, the commercial sector must patronize the government (Agency for Space Exploration); by law, it shall possess the only such facilities. Both the governmental and commercial sectors must obey the rules and regulations of the Arts, Media, and Entertainment Regulatory Commission. (Note: This may be a much more awesome and involving responsibility than one may immediately realize, because we cannot be sure as to the extent to which the hypnotic images blaring from our screens or the evocative lyrics and sounds resonating from radio waves and electronic recording devices affect the minds of all exposed. Such regulation requires the application of psychological experimentation and sociological studies as well as decision based merely on empirical data.)

Banking

Totally governmentally controlled in order to eliminate the threat of private greed, scandals, and nonregulated and incompetent decision regarding the bulk of the nation's money. It will also serve to limit personnel salaries so that more bank money will be available for the people to exploit. The government (Banking Management and Investment Office) shall have access to the best information and the best business minds in order to guide the banking system into making the soundest investments.